

AFFIDAVIT

I, Andrew W. Kremer, having been duly sworn, depose and state:

1. I am a United States Postal Inspector, having been so employed since May 19, 2012. I am presently assigned to the Cincinnati Field Office, Pittsburgh Division of the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) with investigative responsibility for southwest Ohio and northern Kentucky. Part of my investigative responsibility involves the use of the United States Mail in the illegal transporting of narcotics and other dangerous controlled substances and financial proceeds relating thereto.
2. Your Affiant completed United States Postal Inspection Service Basic Training in May 2012. The training involved narcotic investigation techniques, chemical field tests and training in the detection and identification of controlled substances being transported in the United States Mail. In addition to this formal training, your Affiant has worked since May 2012 with various federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of the transportation of illegal drugs and their identification.
3. This Affidavit is made in support of a search warrant for the following property, namely a package associated with the following United States Postal Service (USPS) Priority Mail, Tracking Number:

a. 9505 5150 5401 9248 3622 55

as further described in Attachment A. This Affidavit is made in support of a warrant to search the package for evidence of a crime as well as contraband, fruits of a crime or other items illegally possessed in relation to the following offenses:

- a. Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, § 841,
- b. Use of a Communication Facility, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, § 843(b), and
- c. Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, § 846.

Because this Affidavit is submitted in support of the application of the United States to search the package, it does not include every fact known concerning this investigation, I have set forth facts and circumstances that I have relied upon to establish probable cause to justify the issuance of a warrant to search the above-described package. The package is currently located at the USPIS Office, Cincinnati, Ohio.

4. Your Affiant has become aware that drug traffickers frequently use Priority Mail Express and/or Priority Mail, services offered by the USPS, to transport narcotics and other

dangerous controlled substances. As a result of investigations and successful controlled substance prosecutions where Priority Mail Express and/or Priority Mail were used, your Affiant has learned of certain characteristics indicative of other Priority Mail Express and/or Priority Mail items previously identified as containing narcotics or other dangerous controlled substances. Some of these characteristics include, but are not necessarily limited to or used on every occasion - false or non-existent return address, addressee is not known to receive mail at the listed delivery address, the package is heavily taped, the package is mailed from a known drug source location, labeling information contains misspellings, the label contains an illegible waiver signature, unusual odors emanating from the package, and the listed address is located in an area of known or suspected drug activity.

5. On September 9, 2019, your Affiant intercepted a package at the USPS Network Distribution Center, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The package is further described as:

Priority Mail, USPS Tracking Number: 9505 5150 5401 9248 3622 55

Sender: Milissa White
505 N. Figueroa St
LA, CA 90012

Addressee: James Doughman
1263 Elsinore Ave #7
Cincinnati, OH 45202.

6. Observation and USPS tracking information of the above listed Priority Mail package, by your Affiant indicated it was mailed from the Macys Post Office, Los Angeles, California 90017.
7. The Consolidated Lead Evaluation and Reporting (CLEAR) database system was researched by your Affiant regarding the listed return address, Milissa White, 505 N. Figueroa St, LA, CA 90012. CLEAR is a public record data investigative platform available exclusively to law enforcement and other government investigators about people and businesses. The information obtained from the system indicated there is no Milissa White associated with that address.
8. The CLEAR database was researched by your Affiant regarding the listed addressee on the package, James Doughman, 1263 Elsinore Ave #7, Cincinnati, OH 45202. The information obtained from the system indicated James Doughman was last associated with that address in February 2017. Your Affiant reviewed another law enforcement database and it indicated there is a James Doughman with a driver's license registered at that address.

9. On September 9, 2019, your Affiant arranged for Deputy Nick Poole, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, to utilize a narcotics canine to check the package. Deputy Poole and his canine "Akim" are a currently certified narcotics team. The team is certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and the Office of the Attorney General (Ohio). Deputy Poole reports that "Akim" passed all of his examinations and has successfully located hidden drugs in the past, and therefore your Affiant considers "Akim" to be reliable. On the same date, your Affiant met Deputy Poole at the USPS Office, Cincinnati, Ohio, where the package listed above was placed in a separate room among several other similar packages and presented to narcotic canine, "Akim", who alerted positively to the presence or odor of a controlled substance upon the USPS package described below:

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Attached herewith, and incorporated by reference, is a photocopy of the narcotic canine handler's record of examination.

10. Based upon my experience and training, this information, along with the positive alert of narcotic canine "Akim" is indicative of the package containing narcotics or proceeds relating thereof.
11. Based upon the information contained in this Affidavit, your Affiant believes that there is probable cause to believe that the package described below will contain evidence and/or contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed:

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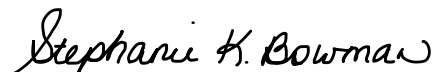
Therefore, a search warrant to open the package is requested.

Further, your Affiant sayeth naught.



Andrew W. Kremer
United States Postal Inspector

Subscribed and sworn to and before me this 10th day of September, 2019



Stephanie K. Bowman
United States Magistrate Judge



ATTACHMENT A
PROPERTY TO BE SEARCHED

The property to be searched is the package associated with **Priority Mail, USPS Tracking Number: 9505 5150 5401 9248 3622 55**, addressed to James Doughman, 1263 Elsinore Ave #7, Cincinnati, OH 45202., with a return address of Milisa White, 505 N. Figueroa St, LA, CA 90012.



United States Postal Inspection Service
Pittsburgh Division

OFFICER AFFIDAVIT


I, DEPUTY N. POOLE, AM, AND HAVE BEEN, EMPLOYED BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SINCE 2004. AMONG OTHER DUTIES, I AM CURRENTLY THE ASSIGNED HANDLER OF NARCOTICS DETECTION CANINE "AKIM", WHICH IS TRAINED AND CERTIFIED IN THE DETECTION OF THE PRESENCE OR ODOR OF NARCOTICS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Marijuana, Hashish, Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamines, Ecstasy

ON 9/9/2019, AT THE REQUEST OF POSTAL INSPECTOR A.W. KREMER I RESPONDED TO THE US POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE CINCINNATI FIELD OFFICE WHERE "AKIM" DID ALERT TO AND INDICATE UPON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED ITEM:

USPS Priority Mail, Tracking Number: 9505 5150 5401 9248 3622 55, addressed to James Doughman, 1263 Elsinore Ave #7, Cincinnati, OH 45202., with a return address of Milissa White, 505 N. Figueroa St, LA, CA 90012.

BASED ON MY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE AND THAT OF "AKIM", I CONSIDER THE ABOVE DESCRIBED ITEM TO CONTAIN WITHIN OR UPON THE PRESENCE OR ODOR OF A NARCOTIC OR OTHER DANGEROUS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.


(Signature and Date)

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